DODGE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING August 2, 2013

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller James Layman Aaron David Darrell Pollesch Ernest Borchardt

Also Present: James Mielke, County Administrator; John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Geri Schrab, Branch 3 Court Reporter; Michelle Kenning, Chief Deputy Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Patricia Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Borchardt to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Layman. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Borchardt to approve Minutes of August 2, 2013; second by Lavman. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

District Attorney Report: DA Klomberg requested authorization for an out of state training in Michigan.

Bob Barrington reported that they do not have a cost yet but should be receiving that sometime in August. The date for this is October 7 – 9, 2013

Motion made by Pollesch for approval to move on to the next step in the process for attending, second by Borchardt. Motion carried.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Storck reported on the retirement of Judge Andrew Bissonnette that was celebrated this week after 24 years on the bench in Branch 3, having been only the third judge to serve in that branch. Judge Bissonnette donated 13 works of art to the County. Because of this donation, Judge Storck brought to this meeting Geri Schrab who is the "curator" for the art in the Justice Facility. She will occasionally rotate the artwork, and it is her own art that is currently on the 3rd floor walls. There are other pictures that are on other hallway and office walls and a sculpture next to the Clerk of Courts Office. That sculpture was a purchase award by the Beaver Dam Arts Association and is the work of Samantha Steimke whose mother works in the DA's office. It is in a spot that is visible from the security station on the first floor. There will probably be an article in the newspaper.

Judge Storck will write a letter to the Arts Counsel and to Judge Bissonnette for the donations.

He pointed out that the investiture of a new judge means a lot of work for the maintenance department, but he commended that department and the staff for taking care of any problems immediately so that everything went smoothly for this.

Lisa Belkowski from West Bend is going to be the new job share court reporter along with Geri Schrab for Branch 3.

Regarding personnel changes, there will be a request in the next budget to increase the hours for the assistant Family Court Counselor from 24 to 28 hours.

He is also looking to transfer the funds from the administrative assistant position in the Family Court Office and move to a position in the Judicial Reception area,

Regarding the previously announced 2 part-time court commissioner positions, Judge Bissonnette has to wait at least 75 days after leaving a government position before he is able to start as a court commissioner.

As far as next year's budget, Judge Storck is looking at increasing security measures. IT is going to be getting an estimate for additional cameras in hallways behind the courtrooms. Locks on courtrooms and for holding cells are also a consideration.

Judge Sciascia thanked the Committee for their support and looks forward to working with everyone.

Clerk of Courts Report: Michelle Kenning appeared for Lynn Hron – no report.

Child Support Report: No report.

Medical Examiner Report: Patrick Schoebel reported on the numbers for the last 6 months. The numbers are roughly the same as last year.

Mr. Schoebel was part of the Beta test group regarding the electronic death certificates and these will be coming out in the next couple of months. He expects this to go well and that the start will be in October.

The Medical Examiner was part of the July 16 event held in Beaver Dam and is writing a new comprehensive plan for the Medical Examiner's Office. There will be a full exercise planned for October.

New employees are starting to take their NIMS courses.

Sheriff Department Report: Regarding the July 16 BD training event, the Sheriff's department had very little involvement. There will be training on October 5 that will involve more departments.

Sheriff Ninmann reported on National Sheriff Institute Training that she would like to attend from September 8 – 14 that includes all expenses (flight, lodging, meals). It is a highly recommended training session that only 25 in the nation were selected to attend.

Motion was made for the Sheriff to attend by Borchardt second by David, motion passed.

The K9 golf event is September 6 at the Beaver Dam Golf Club – flyers will be sent out by email.

The Sheriff reported on current openings/vacancies in the department, including the recent hiring of Taylor Nehls as a new deputy and Ed Oestreich as the new security officer at the Justice Facility. Lt. Jim Ketchem will replace Capt. Trace Frost as head of Court Security as of August 1, 2013.

Demonstration of Secure Tech Wave Equipment will be held on August 13th that may assist with court security concerns including having duress alarms going to officer radios.

Sheriff Ninmann informed the committee of the new graphics for her squad. Deputies will have their choice of cancer "ribbons" for their squads. Countryside and Dodge County Signs donated the funds for the Sheriff's decals on her squad as well as the cancer ribbons for the other vehicles. The decals are to show support in the fight against cancer. There was no tax dollars used to purchase these decals.

Upcoming goal for the Sheriff's Office is to have joint training sessions with other counties to help as mutual aid in the event of a disaster.

New World continues to move forward. The training amount initially projected to be \$30,000.

Contract beds are currently down, but it is anticipated that the number should start coming back up. They are hoping to see this increase by September.

Next Meeting: Friday, September 6, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Pollesch to adjourn meeting; second by Layman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Aaron David, Secretary

Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary